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cases, and how many judges do they have in each of those districts to deal with the work load? In District 11, they have three judges. They have three judges, and, you know, we've never heard a complaint in the Legislature from District 11, never. John Murphy says we handle it just fine. How many judges does Scottsbluff and the 12th District have to deal with just a slightly greater work load? They have not four, one more, but they have two more. They have five. Okay, if you just then divide, in the case of District 11, the three judges they have into the number of cases, you get judges...cases per judge, 963 cases per judge in the...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute..

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in the 11th District, but only 698 in the 12th District. What happens if you add...if you add one judge to the...if you give them just one additional judge, which means you take away the fifth judge, and they have only four judges in the Scottsbluff district? Divide that caseload up, and what happens? District 11 still has a greater per judge work load than District 12, even after you take one of their judges away. Same sized district, roughly, more people in 11, more travel time in 11, all of those factors that people say should be compared, if you look at them where they're most comparable, there is absolutely no justification for keeping a fifth judge in the 12th District, absolutely no justification.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I rise in opposition to the motion to reconsider. I want to begin by expressing my admiration for Senator Beutler's longstanding, many year effort to try to deal with the question of redistricting judicial districts and trying to deal with the problem that we can't afford all the judgeships that people would like to have. This issue is reminiscent of a number of others that I'll talk about in a second, where we have attempted to say we can't afford to do everything any longer, and we must make some changes, and we must make decisions about priorities. It's a difficult thing to do, and we are seeing once again how difficult it is. This process has been set up, a system has been established to try to conscientiously look at alternatives,